



"Big Dreams Small Business" NEWS

Fiscal Year 2001 Draws to a Close

September has a double meaning for many of us at the General Services Administration, Federal Technology Service. Not only is it the last month of the federal fiscal year, it represents a prime window of opportunity to promote the benefits of the FAST 8(a) contract program and the value General Services Administration, Federal Technology Service brings to our customers. Through our Client Support Centers, we offer our federal clients value-added services such as Statement of Work development, funds management and invoice processing. Clients also benefit by receiving 8(a) credit toward procurement preference goals, use of sole source awards up to \$3M per task order and having access to over 150 highly-qualified, 8(a) industry partners.

Fiscal year-end is also an opportune time to assist federal clients in placing orders online through our e-commerce portal, SmallBizMall.gov.

The mall also features comparison shopping, quantity discounts, special

Mall customers may receive 8(a) or small and disadvantaged credit for their purchases.

pricing and safe, secure transaction processing. Government buyers can browse, shop and buy on line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The GSA 300 and DOD 1155 purchase orders, DD250 receiving report and SF 1449 are now available on the mall. Any 8(a) FAST contract holders not currently on the mall may add their storefront by contacting Mark Tello of CeKA Technologies at 703-519-9400, x-119 or mtello@ceka.com.

Attention FAST 8(a) Contract Holders!

Mark your calendars for this year's Small Business Solutions Development Center (SDC) Industry Partner meeting on Nov 7, 2001 in Washington, DC. This is your opportunity to learn more about your FAST 8(a) contract, how to establish a storefront on SmallBizMall.gov and meet one-on-one with the SDC staff. Stay tuned for further

developments.

Additional information about Smallbizmall.gov or the SBSDC may be found on the web at <http://www.fast.sdc.gsa.gov> or by calling 1-877-327-8732.

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 23-26: 19th Annual National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Conference & Expo, Washington, DC, <http://www.medweek.gov/>
- Sept 23-26: ITTI 2001 Indian Telecom Training Initiative, Las Vegas, NV, <http://www.fcc.gov/indians/ITTI/sep2001.html>
- Oct 28-31: National Minority Supplier Development Council Conference & Business Opportunity Fair, Atlanta, GA, <http://www.nmsdcus.org/events/conference.html>
- Nov 7: Industry Partner Meeting, Washington, DC, <http://www.fast.sdc.gsa.gov>
- Dec 3-7: Dept. of Defense Small Business Conference & Expo, Las Vegas, NV, <http://www.sadbuconferences.com>